

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A process for ~~the production of a three-dimensional substrate provided~~ finishing the surface of an automobile or a component thereof with a protective and decorative laminar ~~coating, comprising~~ finish consisting of:

applying a primer layer of a coating composition which is electrically conductive in the stoved state without spraying onto an electrically conductive substrate and stoving said primer layer;

electrophoretically depositing a second coating layer of an electrophoretically depositable coating composition and stoving said second coating layer; and

bonding a thermoplastic film directly on the second coating layer using an adhesive to form a third coating layer of the protective and decorative laminar ~~coating~~ finish;

wherein said thermoplastic film, either alone or in conjunction with the second coating layer, determines the decorative effect of the laminar ~~coating~~ finish.

2. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the conductive primer layer is applied by brushing, roller application, dipping or flow coating.

3. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the conductive primer layer is applied using the coil coating process by autophoretic deposition or electrophoretic deposition.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, further comprising, after applying and stoving the conductive primer layer, optionally stamping or cutting said ~~substrate~~ automobile or component thereof; and shaping the ~~substrate~~ automobile or component thereof three-dimensionally.

6. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the ~~substrate~~ automobile or component thereof is in the form of components which are combined into an assembly before application of the second coating layer.
7. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the conductive primer layer is applied onto both sides of ~~a substrate~~ said electrically conductive substrate in the form of a sheet metal coil by a coil coating process,  
stamping out sheet metal components to form the coil and shaping said metal components subsequent to applying and stoving the primer layer and prior to electrophoretically depositing the second coating layer.
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Currently amended) A decorative laminar ~~coating~~ finish obtained using the process of claim 1.
10. (Currently amended) ~~A three-dimensional substrate~~ An automobile or component thereof provided with a decorative laminar ~~coating~~ finish obtained according to claim 1.
11. (Cancelled).
12. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of a hot-melt adhesive, an aqueous dispersion adhesive, and a solvent-based adhesive.
13. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is self-adhesive.
14. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film has a thickness of between 20 and 200 $\mu$ m.

15. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is opaque.

16. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is transparent.

17. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is pigmented.

18. (Previously presented) The process of claim 17, wherein the thermoplastic film is translucent.

19. (Cancelled).